Cancellation of recruitment examination by Railways

1200. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have cancelled/postponed some of its recruitment examination which were to be held in November, 2003; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Railway Recruitment Boards(RRBs)/Guwahati and Mumbai had notified 2720 and 2274 vacancies respectively for recruitment to Group 'D' posts. RRB/Guwahati had fixed written examinations on 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th November and 7th and 14th December, 2003. Examination on 9th and 16th November, 2003 have already been conducted. In view of some incidents which occurred at some examination centres at Guwahati, Ministry of Railways have decided to postpone the remaining Group 'D' examinations of RRB/Guwahati. Press release in this regard has also been issued on 18.11.2003.

Similarly, RRB/Mumbai had also planned for conducting written examinations on 16th and 23rd November and 7th and 14th December, 2003. Examination was peacefully conducted on 16.11.2003 in all examination centres. But on 18.11.2003, some miscreants caused extensive damage to the computer system, office and other records of RRB/Mumbai. Since RRB/Mumbai was unable to access vital information and records, the Ministry of Railways decided to postpone written examinations being conducted by RRB/Mumbai. Press release in this regard was issued on 21.11.2003.

Report of Disaster Management Committee

1201. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether new action plan based on Corporate Safety Plan (2003—13) and report of Railways Disaster Management Committee has been prepared by organisation to ensure effective implementation of issues;